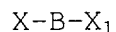


ABSTRACT

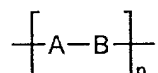
The present invention recites a method comprising reacting in a solvent in the presence of a base

- 5 a) at least one diacidic monomer comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one light-absorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm and 99-0 mole % of a non-light absorbing monomer which does not absorb
10 significant light at wavelengths above 300 nm or has a light absorption maximum below 300 nm, with
b) an organic compound of Formula II



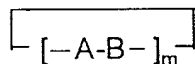
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wherein B is a divalent organic radical to form a light absorbing composition comprising a mixture of a polymer having the formula



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and a cyclic compound having the general formula



- wherein B is as defined above; n is at least 2, m is 1, 2,
25 3 or 4 and A comprises the residue of a diacidic monomer comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one light-absorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1000 nm and wherein the remaining portion of A comprises the residue of a non-
30 light absorbing monomer which does not absorb significant

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	65.5 ± 1.2
Gender (male/female)	10/10
Education (years)	12.5 ± 0.5
Occupation	Retired
Marital status	Married
Smoking status	Non-smoker
Alcohol consumption	Non-drinker
Comorbidities	Hypertension, Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia
Medication	Antihypertensives, Antidiabetics, Lipid-lowering agents
Duration of disease	10.5 ± 1.5
Family history	Positive
Previous surgery	No
Current symptoms	Intermittent claudication
Functional status	Good
Quality of life	High
Health status	Good
Life expectancy	Long
Prognosis	Good
Follow-up	Long-term
Outcome	Successful
Conclusion	Positive
Recommendation	Regular follow-up
Disclaimer	Not for medical use
Conflict of interest	None
Consent	Obtained
Ethical approval	Obtained
Registration	Not applicable
Keywords	Peripheral artery disease, Claudication, Treatment
Abbreviations	Abbreviations
References	References
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